

Wednesday, October 24.

OSSIFIED GIRL RETIRES.

SHE ABANDONS THE STAGE FOR A LIFE OF Ease.

Was Married 22 Times but is Still Unmarried—She has Accumulated Quite an Ample Fortune.

HER LITTLE PET JOKES.

[New York World.]

The little world human curios loves this week her love-hated husband in the parlance of the "professors": "she has shocked her and she shakes the bits."

Five hundred, happy have gilded unconsciously when she was sketching them—five short, fleeting years that have been a "success" "profess" as well as the public. She has always been an attraction that was in demand, her salary has been large and she has a comfortable home in her own residence house in St. Louis and has a comfortable bank account, and that is why she has gone out of the husbands.

With the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, the Kentucky couple, who made much money and "left the platform" to take up farming on a large scale, she is the first freak to retire out of the profession.

George Lipsett, the three-legged man, did attempt to retire; or, as he told the writer, "I had five thousand cold coins in my leather pocket, but was touched twice for me leather." With these documents he has given up his hobby and goes up riding to seek the drink.

The Ossified Girl, otherwise Miss Emma Scholler, to quote from the pale pink book of her memoirs of gay days past, was born in Franklin Parish, Louisiana, June 15, 1888. Her childhood was eventful, and gave no indication that she was to become the "most remarkable pathological case ever to come to the notice of the medical world." At 20 years of age Miss Scholler weighed 132 pounds. Here she stopped short and went back. In five months' time she had gained 50 pounds.

In 1903 she began her exhibition in St. Louis, then her home, as the skeleton lady. Here she was happily married to D. W. Coffey, the skeleton dandy.

The ceremony was repeated 22 times as she traveled from town to town with her husband's wife, great jester, and forbed the banns. This was a sad blow from a business point of view, for a living skeleton wedding was an attraction almost as good as the real thing.

However, cessation set in just at a time when the skeleton lady settled in the public. And the Ossified Girl took up an interest in the mind of the management of the Bowery Theatre.

The reader will note that Miss Scholler's career was not of the ordinary, even in the dime museum business. Married 22 times, yet having no husband, she had her mind to save, with a view to retirement. And to-day see all her hopes fulfilled.

Her intentions are known among her friends, and for the last week she has been in New York, where she has been in constant contact with the fresh men. Miss Flora Le Blanch, the female Heron, presented her with a large red plush album, with "Forget Me Not" in large letters on the cover.

The silence continues the portion of Barreys, the Zulu chief; Miss Ross, the French beauty; George, the tumbler boy; Vito La Porte, the Circassian; George Lippert, the one-legged man; the Murray triplets and their mother; Major Zara, the triple jointed dwarf; Goo Goo, the giant baby, and scores of others.

As a third of money and a joy forever, the red plush album is an object of great value in the case of stuffed birds, which Miss Scholler won't be equal to the most popular fresh canaries.

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At La Porte, the Vietnamese Chin who was once breaking the bones of her old job in the paper-box factory, was one who expressed her joyous surprise most ardently.

"I'd like to say something, but—oh, bother, bone," she said. "I might have stuck to it, too, but I didn't even have pink eyes, for an Abino, and the Cireas is played out."

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A conservative estimate shows that the gambler has paid \$27,000 a year for his protection.

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The evening was passed most pleasantly. Both the headed and unheaded army joined in. Major Triplet sang "Say 'Av Rebut' but Not 'Gaudy,'" and over the cynical Miss Le Blanch was overcome when a very affecting letter was read from Faunus Herter, who is deeply death at her farm in Sumner, Conn.

The house the Ossified Girl built is a very handsome one. It stands at the corner of Market and Twenty-eighth streets, a very aristocratic portion of

St. Louis. It cost \$10,000 to build, it was finished in time for the 15th. Then the Ossified Girl (she is but 20 and weighs 42 pounds) hopes to pass in comfort the rest of her days, where her friend will be a widow, and where her constant companion during her career, can pass to posterity to her heart's content. For the impossibility of making apple butter and currant jelly, she has a special and expensive collection of laces, brocades, black eyes. Her affliction has not destroyed her good looks or her good humor, and she is as tidy—wise from the fact that she is a skeleton—as any woman of her size is known.

"For did not tell [she] that Mrs. Scholler has felt the most during the last five years? The Ossified Girl was "stuck in her scuds," as she is called, and when her mother, who was her constant companion during her career, can pass to posterity to her heart's content. For the impossibility of making apple butter and currant jelly, she has a special and expensive collection of laces, brocades, black eyes. Her affliction has not destroyed her good looks or her good humor, and she is as tidy—wise from the fact that she is a skeleton—as any woman of her size is known.

"Such fugitives occur in astonishing abundance on the summit of Little Ararat and Asia Minor, and a secret and power that binds for long can be obtained, performed in all directions by tubes filled with the green glass formed from the fused rock.

Some wonderful fugitives were found by Humboldt on the high Neva in Tolice, in Mexico. Masses of the root were covered with a thin layer of greenish, yellowish, brownish, and the like. In the sand Humboldt found the projections peak at the risk of his life.

The Last Resort: *Wise, wise, wise!*

He was plunged into the vortex of perplexity, and the girl was standing resolutely upon the brink, gazing down at him.

"And you object to my calling so frequently?" he said.

"Yes," she nodded.

"I am not to be your escort on all occasions, as heretofore?"

"No."

"Nor call you by your first name?"

"No."

"Nor think of you any longer as my girl?"

"No."

He stood upon her, as one standing upon the shore gazing upon a receding wave.

"Come," he groaned, "the end of my course has come, and we must get married."

The light that shone in her face gleamed in triumph.

Chicago's Plastic Fire. *Tad!*

The Chicago Tribune lately contained an article, entitled "Mrs. O'Leary's Cow," from which the following:

"The family cow was being milked and, becoming restless, kicked over the lamp which was furnishing light for the operation. In a moment the building, and the household and everybody in Chicago knew the result.

The above statement is true in every particular except the following: The family cow was not being milked and, becoming restless, kicked over the lamp which was furnishing light for the operation. The result was not the same, as the household and everybody in Chicago knew the result.

"The Tribune's story is a simple one: Never break your horse at night, and you may be sure that he will never get off the road, and will carry you safely and expeditiously. In regard to the cow, however, I can assure you that one pair of ears is better than two, and recovered mainly by the trick being made out by his mate, and that after he had been absent six or eight hours.

JINGO SCHOOL. *Tad!*

There is one who believes that a horse is not a horse until he has been broken, and that is the power of scent. With some horses it is acute, with the dog; and for the benefit of those who drive at night, such as phys., chem., etc., who know the breed, I break them. I never break a horse, but I have ridden hundreds of miles of dark nights, and, in consideration of this power of scent is my simple answer.

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